

## **REMARKS**

This paper responds to the office action mailed April 22, 2004 ("the office action"). Claims 11, 30 and 33 have been cancelled and claim 31 has been amended herein. Hence, claims 1-10, 12-29, 31, 32 and 34-47 are currently pending. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

### ***Drawings***

Sections 1-2 of the office action objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as allegedly failing to show every feature specified in claims 30 and 31. Claim 30 has been canceled. Claim 31 does not include a sixth washer, though a sixth washer is recited in claim 33. In any event, claim 33 has been canceled. Claim 31 depends from claim 18 and thus, includes an arbor; a first blade collar mounted to the arbor; a saw blade having an aperture receiving the arbor; a first washer interposed between the first blade collar and the blade; a second blade collar mounted to the arbor; and a fastener for securing the saw blade and the first washer to the arbor, wherein the second blade collar is interposed between the second washer and the fastener. Each of these items is shown in Figure 8. Therefore, Applicant believes the drawing objections have been overcome

### ***Specification***

Section 3 of the office action objected to the specification. The office action states that the blade would not be sturdily mounted to the washer 26a. However, it would be clear to one

skilled in the art to simply provide a countersink in the openings 31 such that the pinheads 37 would be flush with the washer 26a.

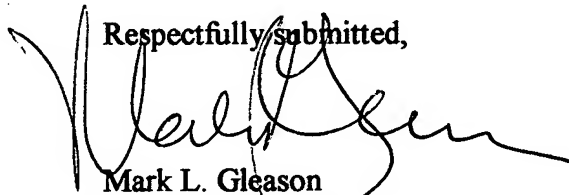
***Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112***

Sections 4-7 of the office action rejected claims 31-33 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite because of the positioning of the sixth washer. Claim 31 depends from claim 18 and thus does not include a sixth washer. Claim 33, which recites a sixth washer, has been canceled. Applicant therefore believes the section 112 rejections have been overcome.

***Conclusion***

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 952.474.3701 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

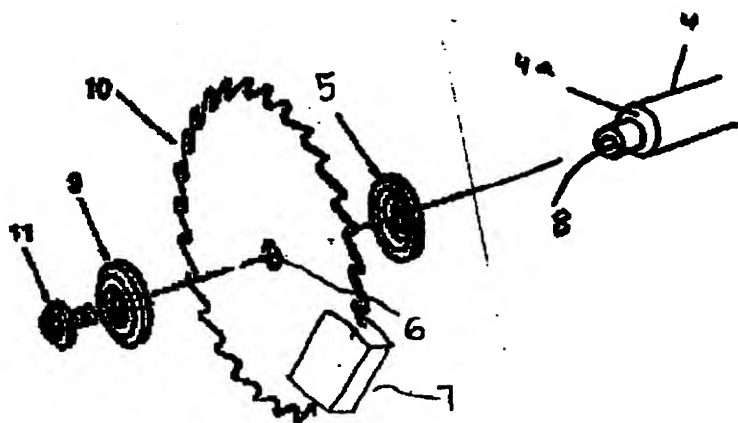


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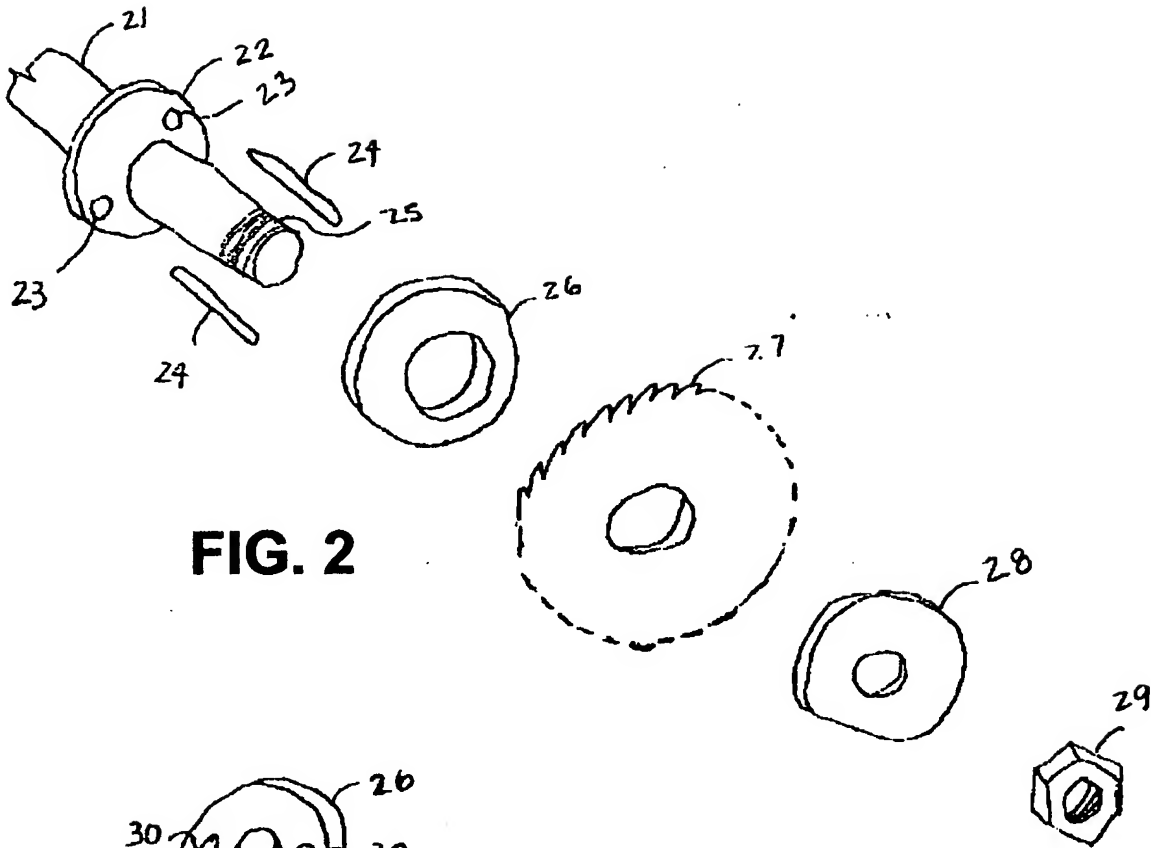
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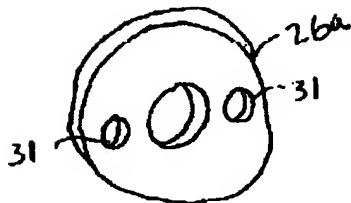
**FIG. 1**  
**(Prior Art)**



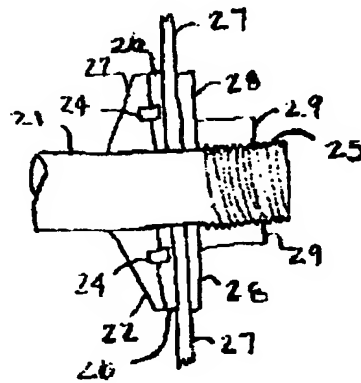
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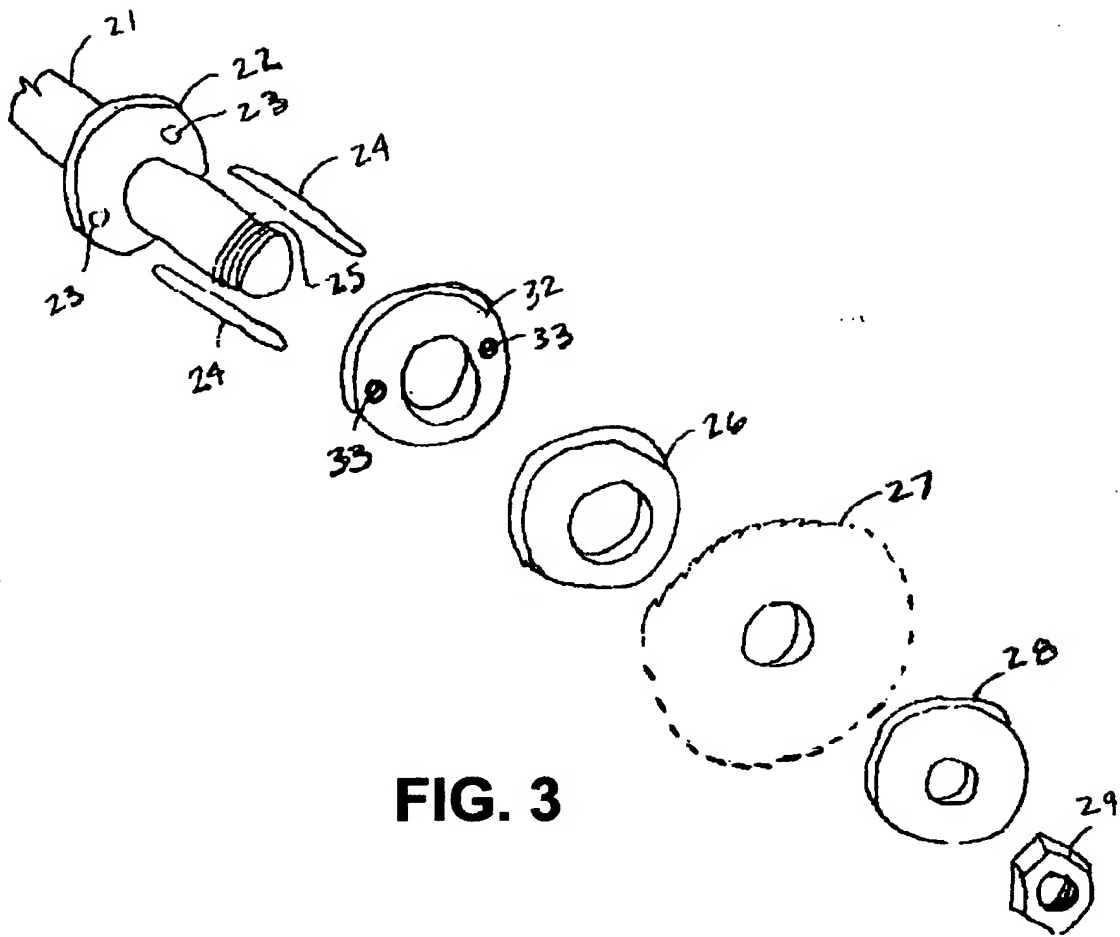
**FIG. 2a**



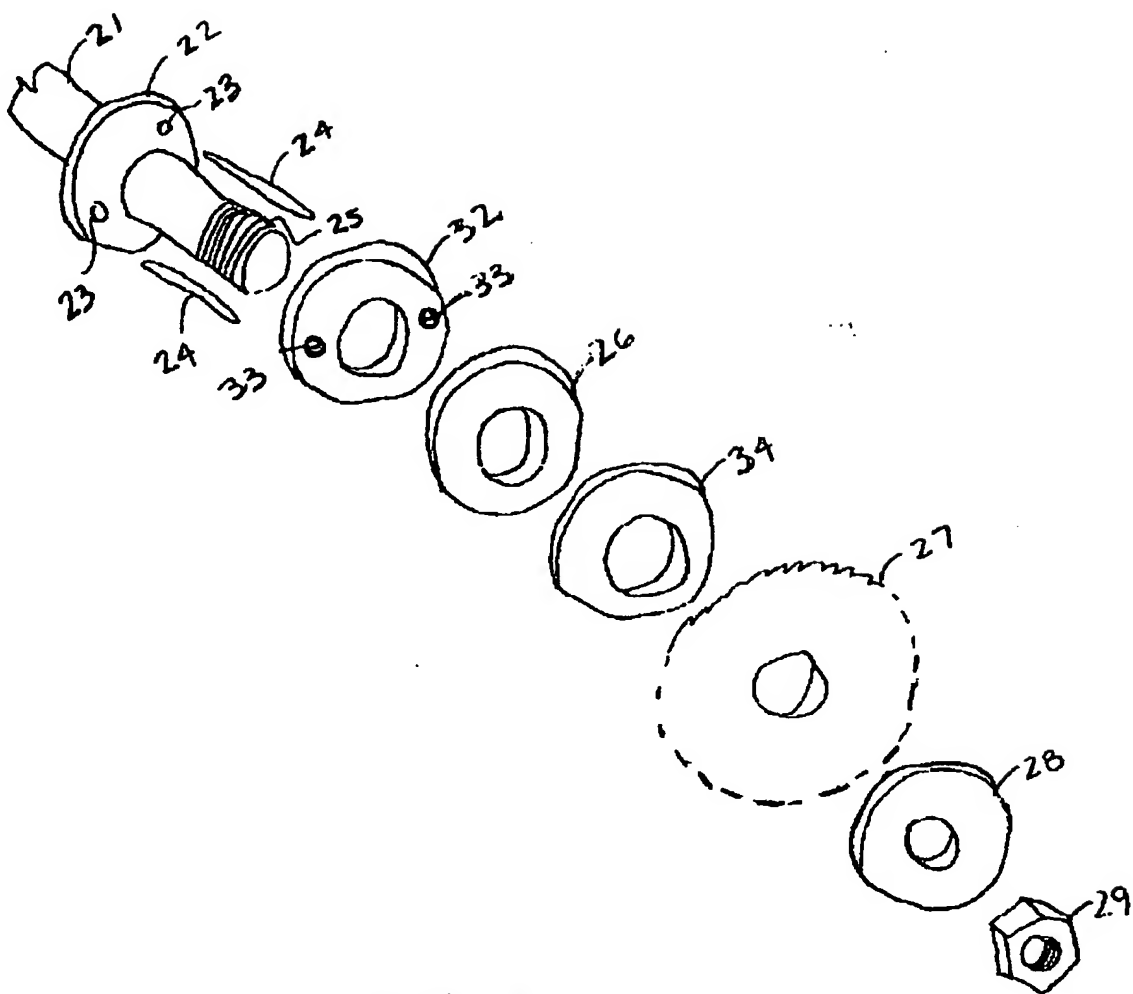
**FIG. 2b**



**FIG. 2c**



**FIG. 3**



**FIG. 4**

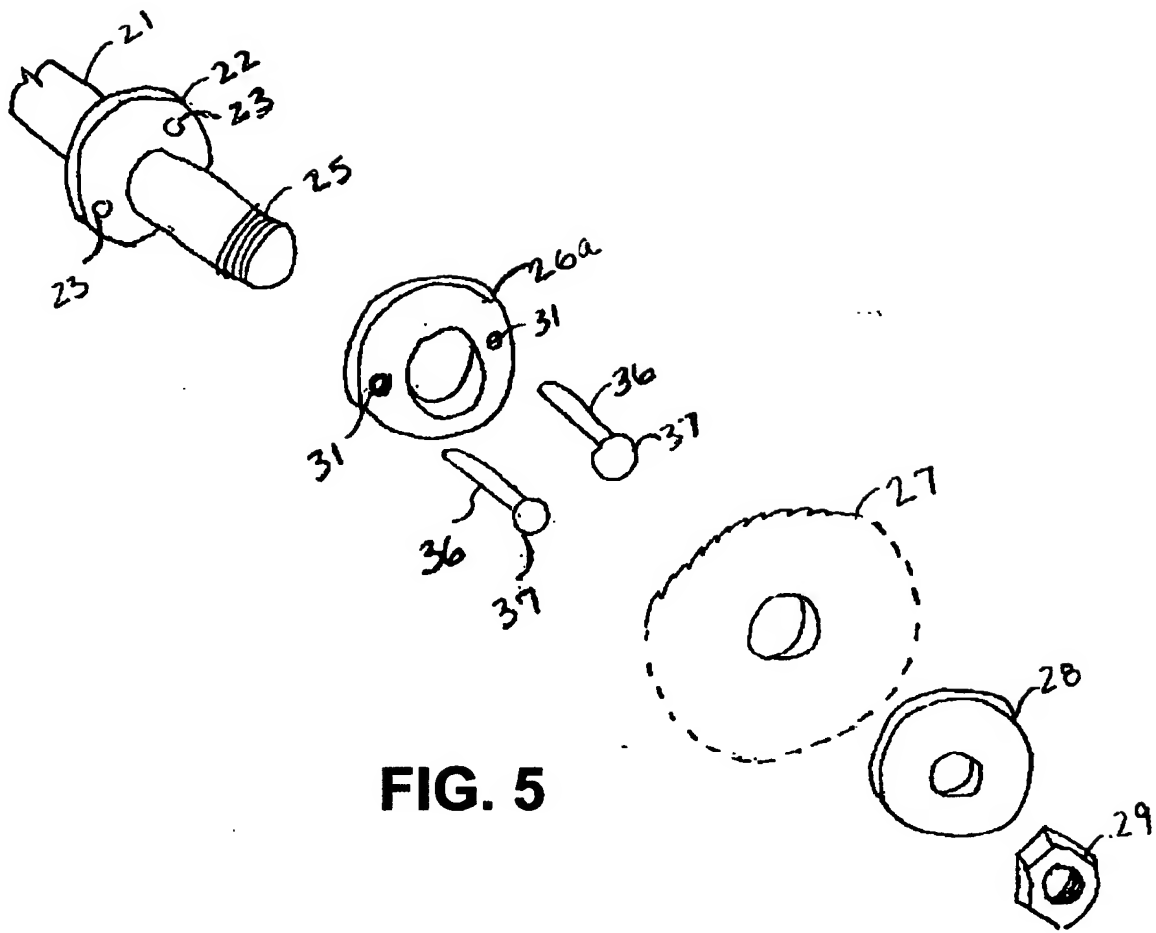
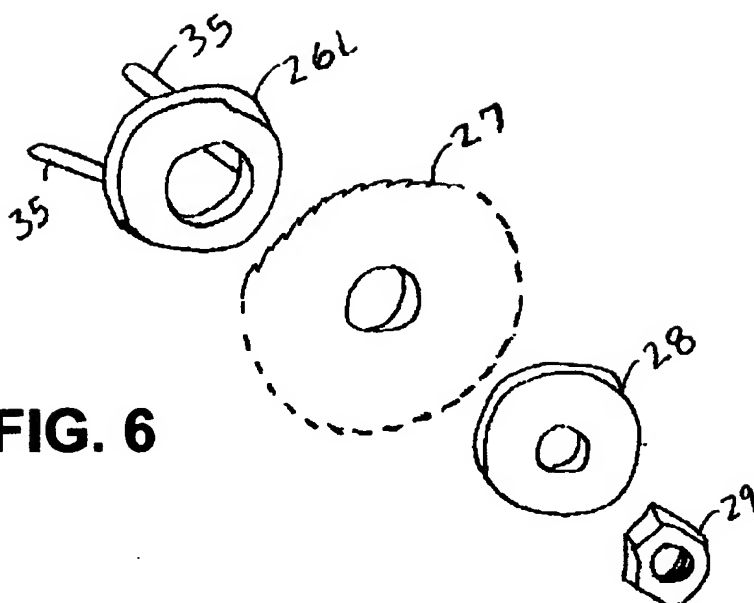
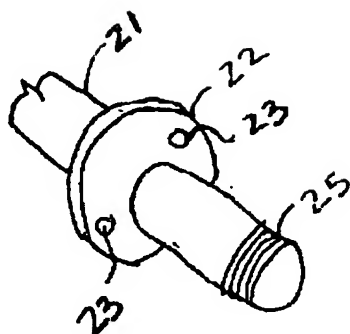
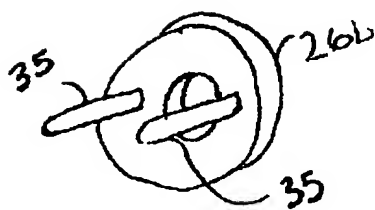


FIG. 5



**FIG. 6**



**FIG. 6a**

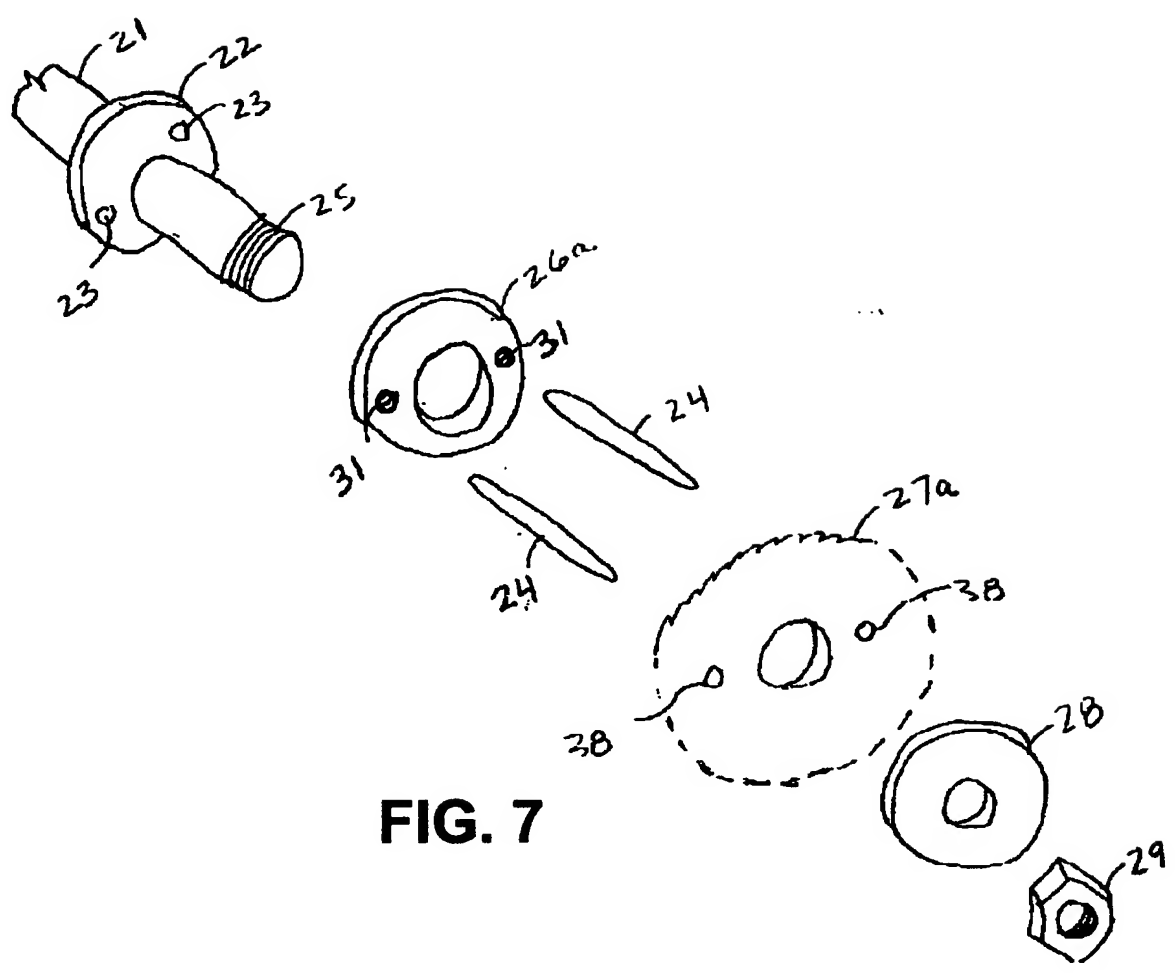


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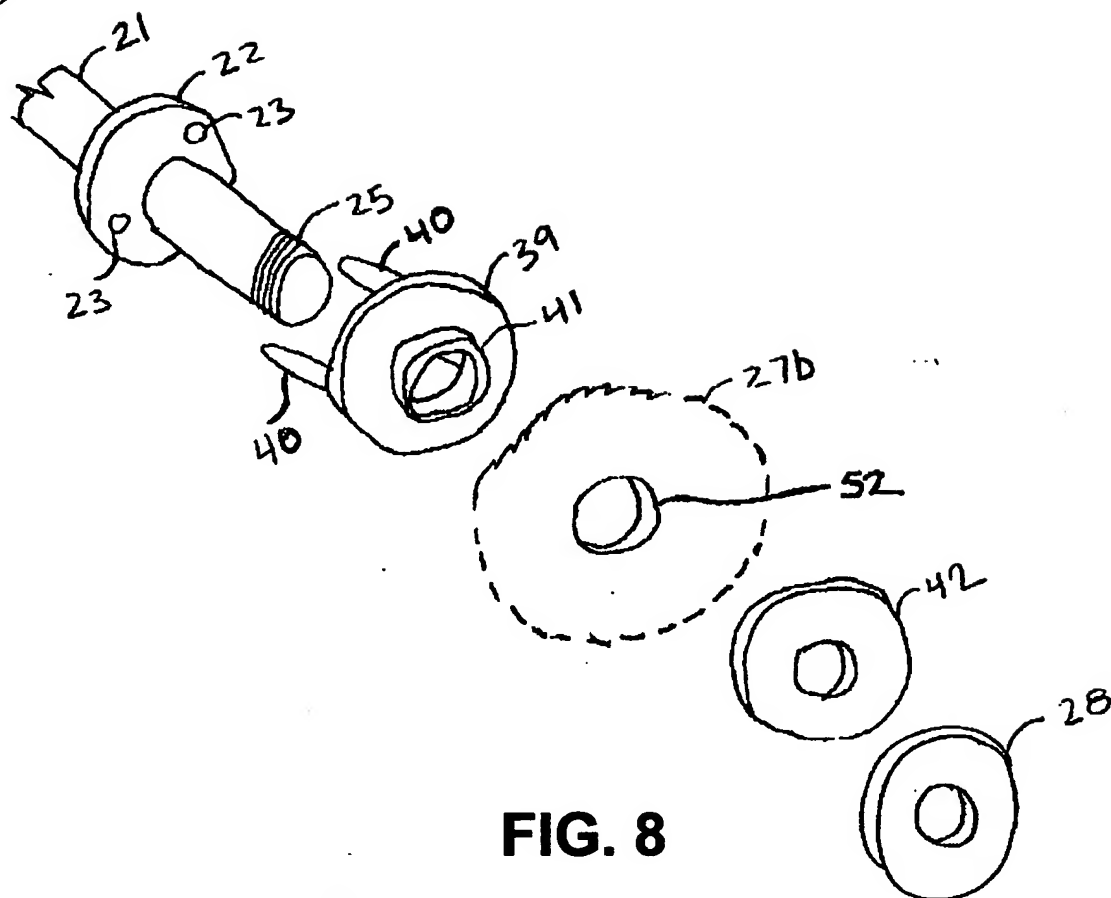


FIG. 8

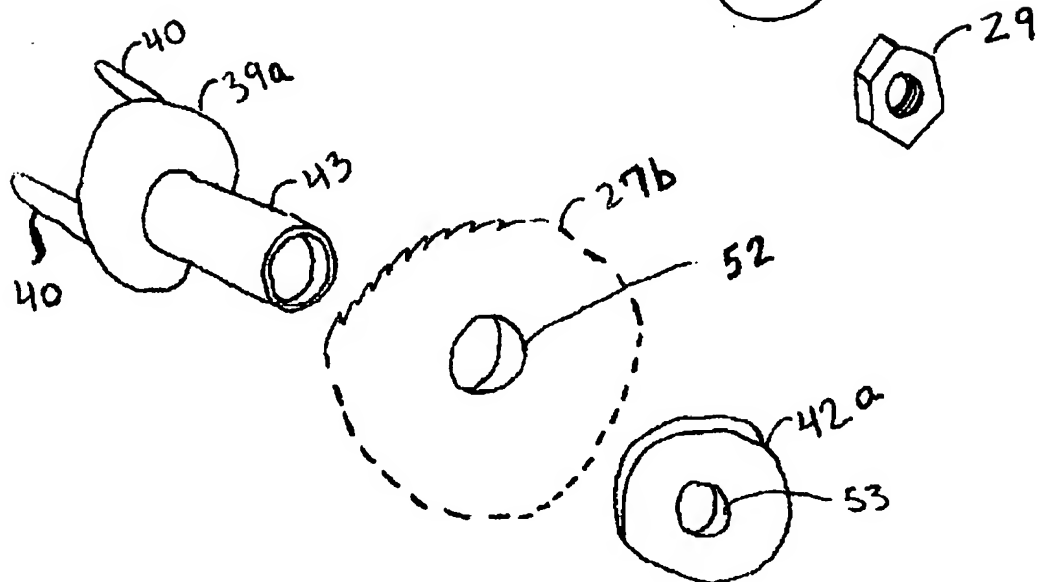
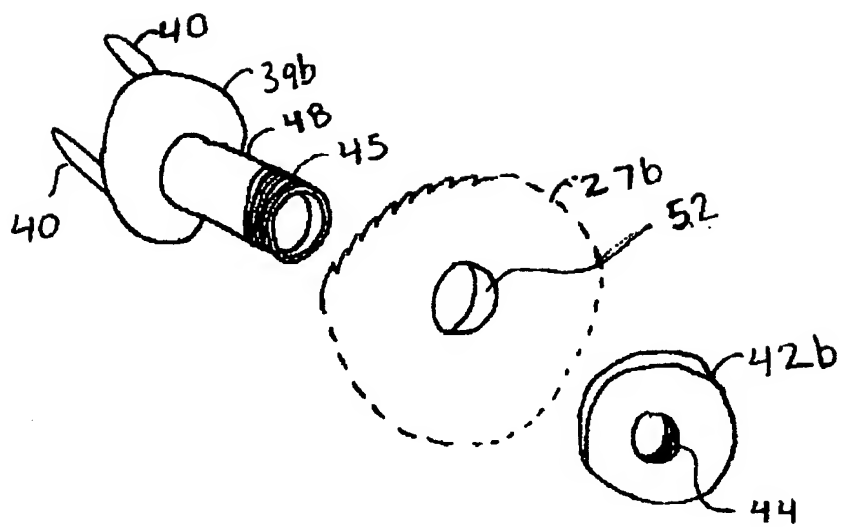
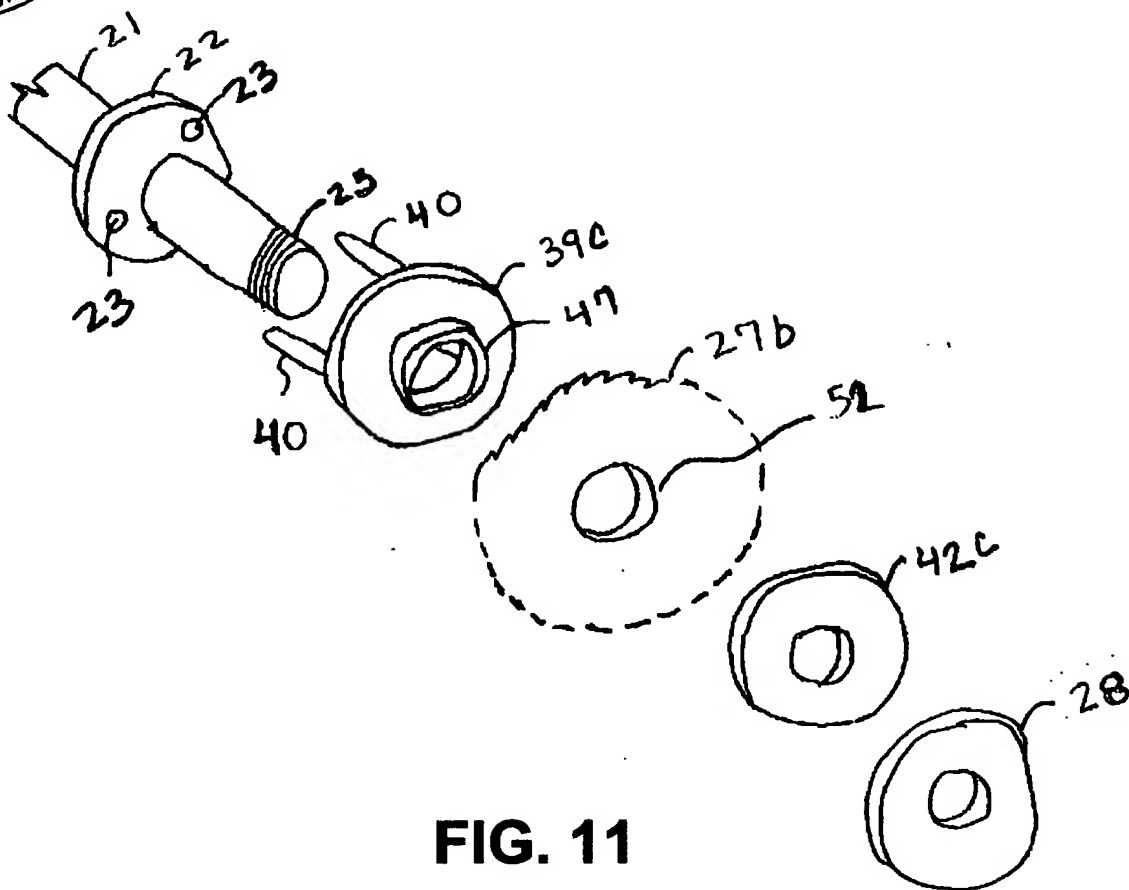


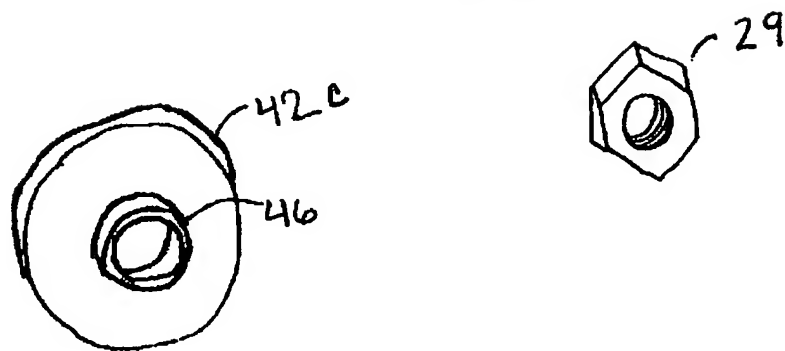
FIG. 9



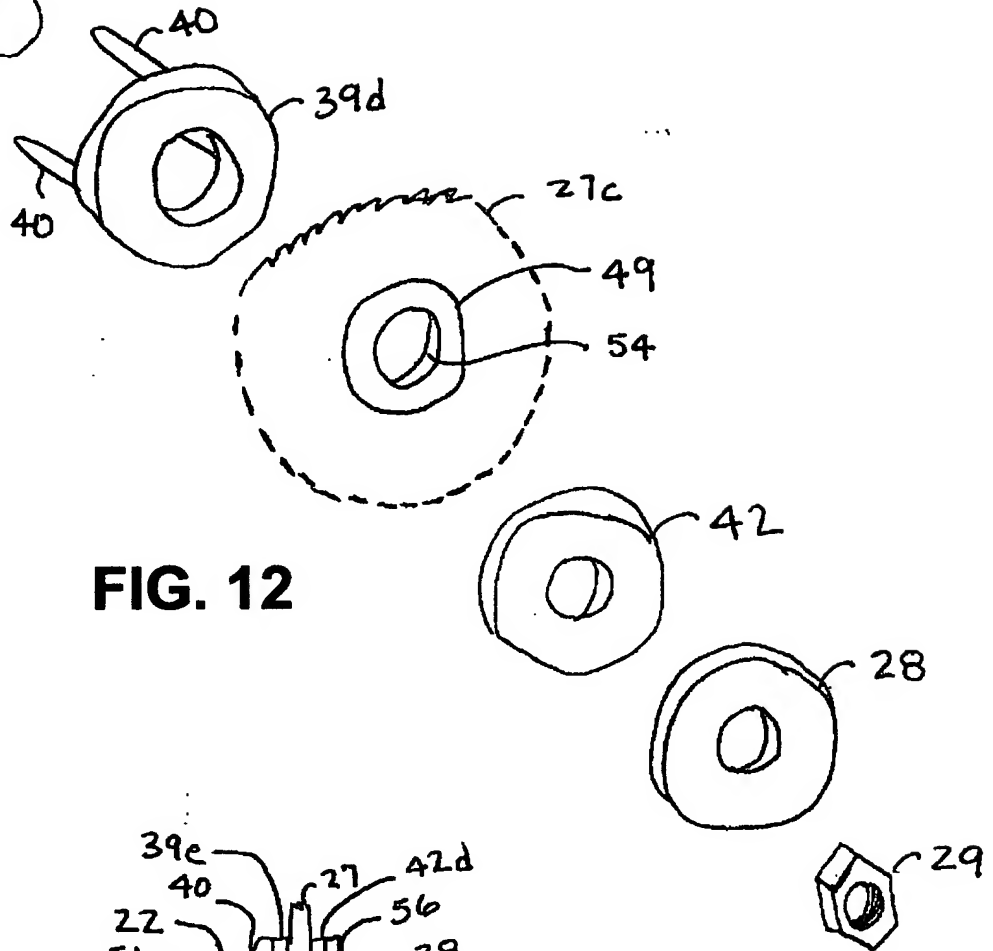
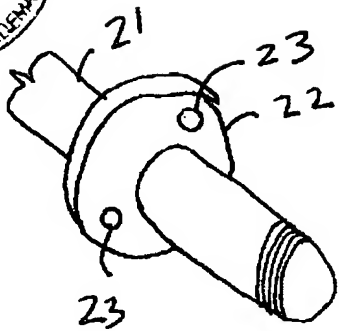
**FIG. 10**



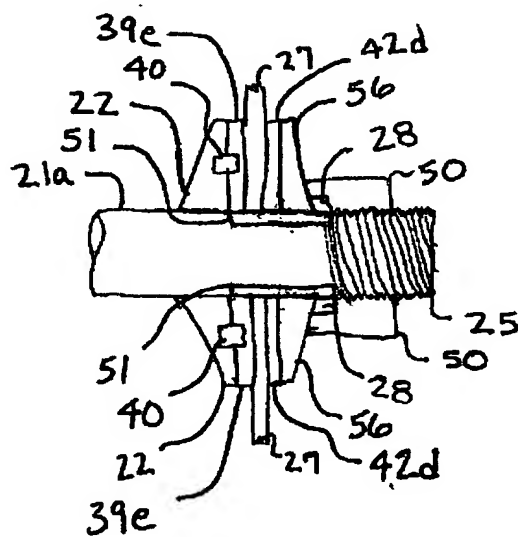
**FIG. 11**



**FIG. 11a**



**FIG. 12**



**FIG. 13**